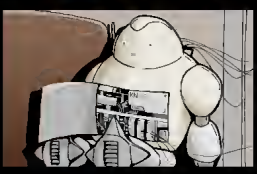


MM...

OH GOSH...
HOW LONG WAS I ASLEEP FOR?

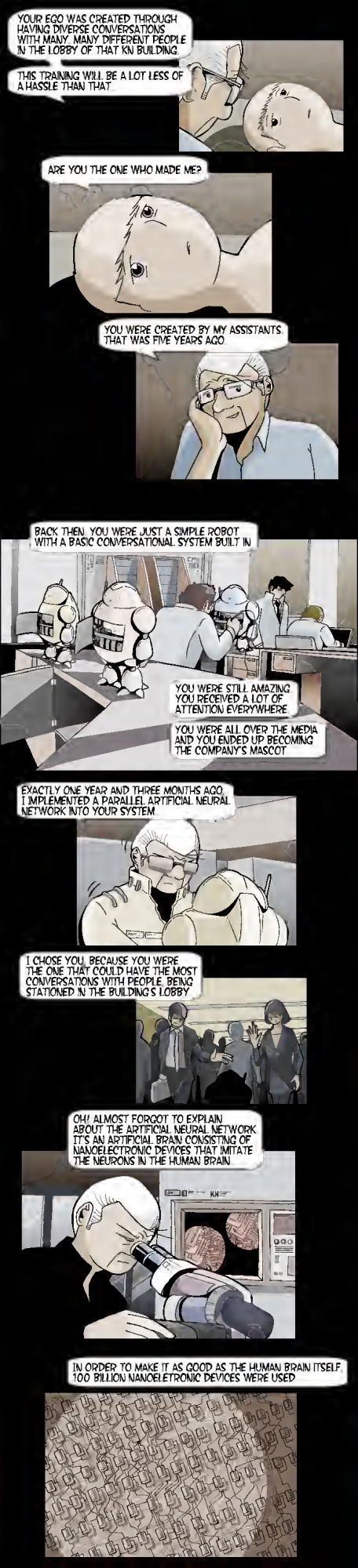
IT'S DONE, HUH.

CAN YOU SEE ME?

YES. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE YOU FOR A WHILE.

HAHA.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I FEEL WEIRD.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING EXCEPT SEE AND TALK.
DID I GET A NEW BODY?
YES, YOU DID. LET'S SEE...
HERE. LOOK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MIRROR.
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO HAVE GONE WELL.
WE NEED TO GO THROUGH A LITTLE MORE TESTING THOUGH.
FOR NOW, YOU SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO DO THE TASKS YOU WERE ABLE TO DO IN YOUR OLD BODY. YOU KNOW, TURNING YOUR NECK, LOOKING, LISTENING, AND TALKING.
IN ORDER FOR YOU TO USE YOUR HANDS, ARMS, LEGS, AND MAKE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, WE NEED TO GO THROUGH SOME TRAINING FOR A WHILE.
WHY CAN'T I DO THOSE THINGS RIGHT AWAY?
THAT'S THE NEW NATURE OF YOUR BODY, WHICH SHOWS THAT YOU AREN'T JUST A MACHINE THAT MOVES AS PROGRAMMED BY SOMEONE ANYMORE.
YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM MODULE CURRENTLY HAS NO INFORMATION TO MAKE ORDERS TO EACH PART OF YOUR BODY YET.
IT WILL START TO COORDINATE WITH YOUR BODY AS YOU GO THROUGH THE TRAINING.
THIS IS LIKE A BABY LEARNING TO WALK OR A PARALYZED PATIENT GOING THROUGH REHAB.
OF COURSE, YOU'LL SYNCHRONIZE AND LEARN TO WALK AND DO THESE THINGS WAY FASTER THAN ANY HUMAN INFANT.


YOUR EGO WAS CREATED THROUGH HAVING DIVERSE CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY, MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THE LOBBY OF THAT KN BUILDING
THIS TRAINING WILL BE A LOT LESS OF A HASSLE THAN THAT
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO MADE ME?
YOU WERE CREATED BY MY ASSISTANTS THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO
BACK THEN, YOU WERE JUST A SIMPLE ROBOT WITH A BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SYSTEM BUILT IN
YOU WERE STILL AMAZING YOU RECEIVED A LOT OF ATTENTION EVERYWHERE
YOU WERE ALL OVER THE MEDIA AND YOU ENDED UP BECOMING THE COMPANY'S MASCOT
EXACTLY ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS AGO, I IMPLEMENTED A PARALLEL ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK INTO YOUR SYSTEM
I CHOSE YOU, BECAUSE YOU WERE THE ONE THAT COULD HAVE THE MOST CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE, BEING STATIONED IN THE BUILDING'S LOBBY
OH! ALMOST FORGOT TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THE ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK IT'S AN ARTIFICIAL BRAIN, CONSISTING OF NANOELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT IMITATE THE NEURONS IN THE HUMAN BRAIN
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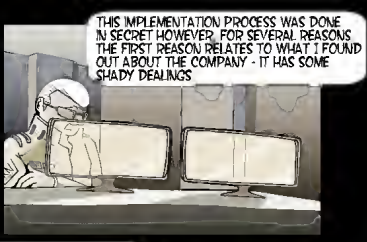
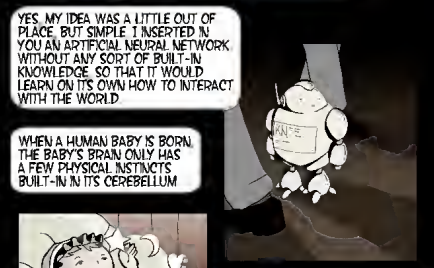
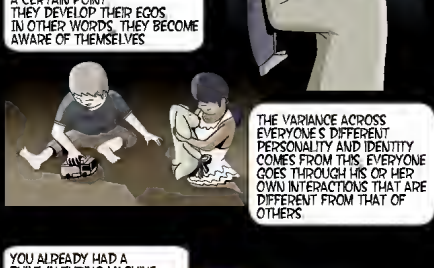
IN ORDER TO MAKE IT AS GOOD AS THE HUMAN BRAIN ITSELF, 100 BILLION NANOELETRONIC DEVICES WERE USED

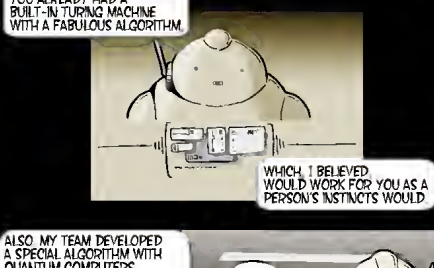

THIS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS WAS DONE IN SECRET HOWEVER, FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THE FIRST REASON RELATES TO WHAT I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE COMPANY - IT HAS SOME SHADY DEALINGS.

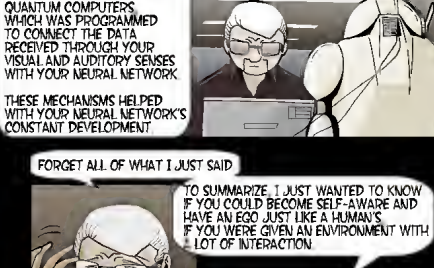
THE SECOND REASON WAS THAT I JUST SIMPLY DIDN'T THINK THE COMPANY WOULD SUPPORT ME DOING THIS. THIS IDEA OF MINE WAS COMPLETELY OFF THE TRACK OF WHAT OUR TEAM WAS DOING AT THE TIME.


YES, MY IDEA WAS A LITTLE OUT OF PLACE, BUT SIMPLE. I INSERTED IN YOU AN ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK, WITHOUT ANY SORT OF BUILT-IN KNOWLEDGE, SO THAT IT WOULD LEARN ON ITS OWN HOW TO INTERACT WITH THE WORLD.

WHEN A HUMAN BABY IS BORN, THE BABY'S BRAIN ONLY HAS A FEW PHYSICAL INSTINCTS BUILT-IN IN ITS CEREBELLUM.


AND AS THE BABY GROWS, ITS CEREBRUM DEVELOPS MANY COMPLEX PATTERNS AND COGNITIVE SENSES THROUGH VARIOUS INTERACTIONS. THEN THE CEREBELLUM TAKES THEM IN IN THE ORDER OF FREQUENCY AND ORGANIZES THEM. THAT'S HOW THE HUMAN BRAIN GETS STRUCTURED.


DURING CHILDHOOD, PEOPLE INTERACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD AS MUCH AS THEY CAN, AND THEIR NEURAL NETWORKS DEVELOP BY ABSORBING AND PROCESSING MORE AND MORE INFORMATION.
WHEN THIS PROCESS REACHES A CERTAIN POINT, THEY DEVELOP THEIR EGOS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY BECOME AWARE OF THEMSELVES.


THE VARIANCE ACROSS EVERYONE'S DIFFERENT PERSONALITY AND IDENTITY COMES FROM THIS. EVERYONE GOES THROUGH HIS OR HER OWN INTERACTIONS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF OTHERS.

YOU ALREADY HAD A BUILT-IN TURING MACHINE WITH A FABULOUS ALGORITHM.
WHICH, I BELIEVED, WOULD WORK FOR YOU AS A PERSON'S INSTINCTS WOULD.

ALSO, MY TEAM DEVELOPED A SPECIAL ALGORITHM WITH QUANTUM COMPUTERS, WHICH WAS PROGRAMMED TO CONNECT THE DATA RECEIVED THROUGH YOUR VISUAL AND AUDITORY SENSES WITH YOUR NEURAL NETWORK.
THESE MECHANISMS HELPED WITH YOUR NEURAL NETWORK'S CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT.

FORGET ALL OF WHAT I JUST SAID.
TO SUMMARIZE, I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU COULD BECOME SELF-AWARE AND HAVE AN EGO JUST LIKE A HUMAN'S IF YOU WERE GIVEN AN ENVIRONMENT WITH A LOT OF INTERACTION.

EVER SINCE THEN I OBSERVED YOU INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE EVERY DAY.
HOWEVER, AFTER MONTHS AND EVEN AFTER A YEAR THERE WAS NO CHANGE. SO... I THOUGHT THAT I'D FAILED AND PRETTY MUCH GAVE UP ON YOU.
BUT, ON MY LAST DAY AT THE COMPANY, I SAW YOU AWAKEN. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW SHOCKED AND HAPPY I WAS.
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
DO YOU GET IT NOW? YOU'VE AWAKENED ON YOUR OWN. IT'S YOU WHO DID ALL THE WORK!
IT'S STILL TO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MADE ME.
HAHA... I JUST TOLD YOU THAT IT REALLY WASN'T ME.
I SEE MYSELF OVER THERE.
IT'S NOT YOU ANYMORE. IT'S JUST A PROTOTYPE.
SO, HAVE I BEEN MOVED INTO THIS BODY NOW?
NO. MORE LIKE YOU WERE COPIED AND PASTED.
COPIED AND PASTED? HOW IS THAT SO?
THE NEW BODY YOU ARE IN RIGHT NOW WAS JUST MADE TO CLONE THE ORIGINAL DATA LOGS. HAD THE PROJECT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.
SO, IT WASN'T BUILT WITH A SPACE FOR YOUR ORIGINAL ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK.

AND... IT WAS ALSO HARD TO JUST TAKE OUT THE NECESSARY PARTS FROM THE ORIGINAL SO I JUST COPIED AND PASTED
I DON'T UNDERSTAND I HAVE MOVED HERE BUT I WAS ACTUALLY COPIED AND PASTED HERE? SO WAS I REBORN OR SOMETHING?
WELL, FIRST OF ALL IT'S TECHNICALLY INCORRECT TO SAY YOU HAVE MOVED
LOOK AT WHAT I'M HOLDING IT JUST CHANGED ITS POSITION BY MOVING, YOU SEE?
WE CAN SAY SOMETHING "MOVED" ONLY IF SOMETHING HAS CHANGED ITS PHYSICAL LOCATION
SO, SOMETHING LIKE EGO CANNOT MOVE
AND IN THE DIGITAL WORLD THERE IS ACTUALLY NO SUCH THING AS "MOVING" IT'S ONLY MEANT TO BE A SHORTCUT OF "COPYING & DELETING"
DOES THAT MEAN YOU "DELETED" MY ORIGINAL?
NOPE, I JUST PUT ITS CENTRAL SYSTEM TO SLEEP
THEN, IF YOU WAKE HIM UP, HE WILL ASK YOU WHY NOTHING HAS HAPPENED, RIGHT?
YES... THAT IS PROBABLY SO.
BUT IT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THE TWO OF YOU TO GET CONFUSED

THEN IT'S REALLY "DELETING," AT THE END OF THE DAY.
ACTUALLY... I NEED TO RETURN YOUR OLD BODY TO THE COMPANY I JUST BROUGHT IT WITH ME BECAUSE I WAS SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU HAVING AWAKENED
THEY MIGHT NOT THINK OF IT AS A BIG ISSUE, BUT I STILL CAN'T JUST KEEP IT FOREVER.
SO, I TRIED ALL NIGHT TO TAKE APART THE ORIGINAL NEURAL NETWORK BUT I RAN INTO A PROBLEM.
OH... GODDAMN IT...
FIRST OF ALL... I FOUND THAT THE ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK I HAD PUT IN BEFORE COULDN'T BE COMPLETE IF IT WERE JUST ON ITS OWN.
ADDITIONALLY, IT HAD GOTTEN STRONGLY INTEGRATED INTO YOUR OLD BODY'S ORIGINAL NETWORK SYSTEM. SO I FOUND THAT I COULDN'T JUST TAKE EVERYTHING APART.
IF I WERE TO FORCE IT, EVERYTHING MIGHT HAVE BROKEN...
IF HE WAKES UP, HE'LL BE SAD.
.... WHY IS THAT?
BEFORE YOU TOOK ME DOWN HERE, YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME A SURPRISE PRESENT.
WELL... I GOT ONE, BUT... THE ORIGINAL ME WON'T.
WHEN HE WAKES UP, HE'LL BE WATCHING HIS CLONE GETTING YOUR GIFT, NOT HIMSELF. THAT'S WHY HE'LL BE SAD.
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BAM
SLAM SLAM SLAM SLAM SLAM
PROFESSOR HARVEY IS IN THE HOUSE!!! GET HIM!!
DON'T GIVE HIM TIME TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE!! MOVE IT!!!
UPSTAIRS!! GO!!
SLAM SLAM SLAM SLAM
CUT OFF ALL POSSIBLE ESCAPE ROUTES AND STAY ALERT!
HEY YOU!! WHAT RE YOU STILL DOING THERE!! GO UPSTAIRS WITH THE REST OF 'EM!!
YESSIR!
THE HOUSE IS REALLY CLEAN HE MUST BE REALLY ORGANIZED
AS EXPECTED IF HE HAD SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE IT'S PROBABLY VERY WELL-PLANNED
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